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**Dear members of the Hospitaller Family,**

*‘...the other duchy will be for Angulo, my companion...’*

From the very beginning of his work, Juan Ciudad was accompanied by Angulo and by women and men who, inspired by his example and animated by the same ‘madness’, decided to walk alongside him to *do good in the best possible way*.

Thus, in over four centuries of history, first the Saint, then the Order and, more generally, the Hospitaller Family have been able to count on the constant, discreet and valuable presence of people of good will who have put their skills, time and dedication to the service of the mission of Hospitality. Together with the Brothers, coworkers and the people we support, volunteers form a fundamental part of the Hospitaller Family.

For this reason, **2026 is the year to celebrate** volunteers, and specifically the theme of volunteering in the manner of St. John of God.

In your Province you already carry out numerous volunteer activities alongside the people we serve and their families; now we would like to promote a series of activities that can further enhance this presence and service by inviting you to promote and share initiatives that highlight volunteers and make them fully active members of our family throughout this year.

We join the Holy See, which this year celebrates the 100th World Mission Day, reminding us that it is a *‘mission that is born of love, lived in love and leads to love’*. At the same time, the United Nations has proclaimed 2026 the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development, recognising the role of volunteering as a concrete force for solidarity, inclusion and the building of more just and resilient communities.

During this year, we will have the opportunity to share the experiences of the different Provinces and, united, to walk together to expand and renew Hospitality.



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